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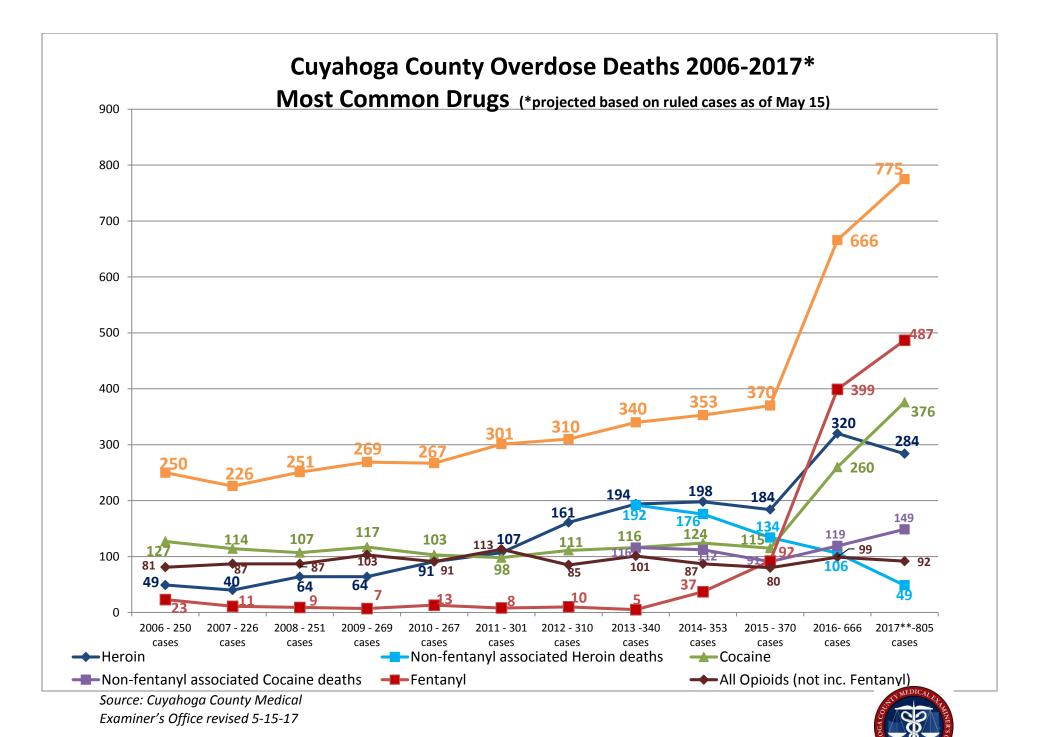
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# **CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

# MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County

**MAY 15, 2017** 



# **CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS** — at least 19 fatalities since May 1

# Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in April-at least 41 (9 cases pending additional testing)

25 - City of Cleveland Residents

16 - Suburban Residents- Bedford, Brooklyn, Euclid, Garfield Hts., Lakewood (2), Newburgh Hts., Parma, Richmond Hts., Shaker Hts., Strongsville (2) and (3) Out of County – Kent, Mentor and Willard (1 UNKNOWN).

### **VICTIMS**

Victims' ages range from 27 – 65

31 Male victims; 10 Female victims

7 African American victims; 34 Caucasian victims (3 Hispanic victims)

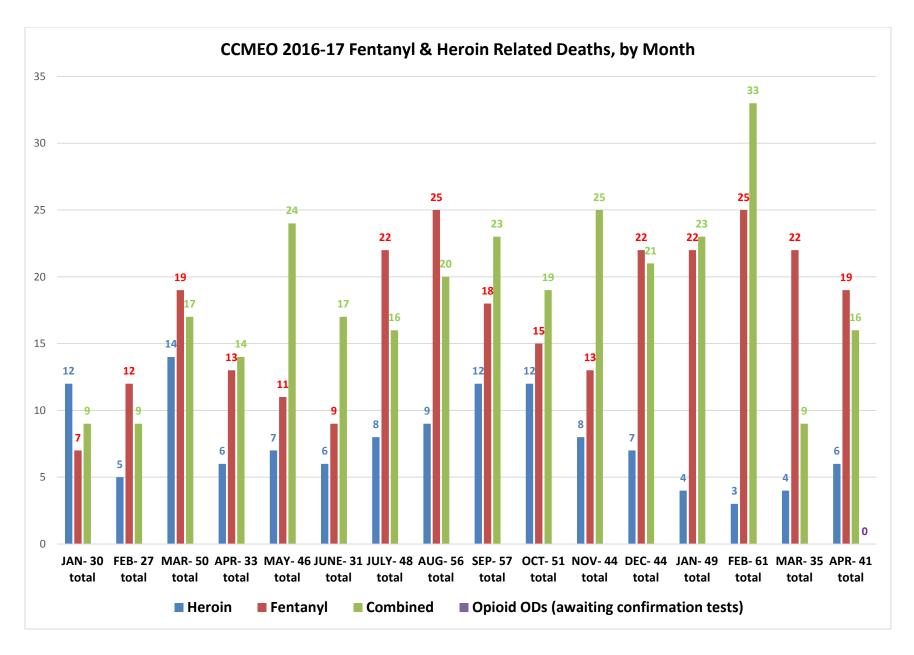
### **TRENDS**

At least **187** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl or in combination in 2017. This compares to 140 in the first trimester of 2016 and at least **506** in 2016 which was more than double the 228 from 2015. Cocaine deaths are projected to have more than doubled from 115 to 260 in 2016. The 2017 total is at least **236** fatalities when including cocaine as well.

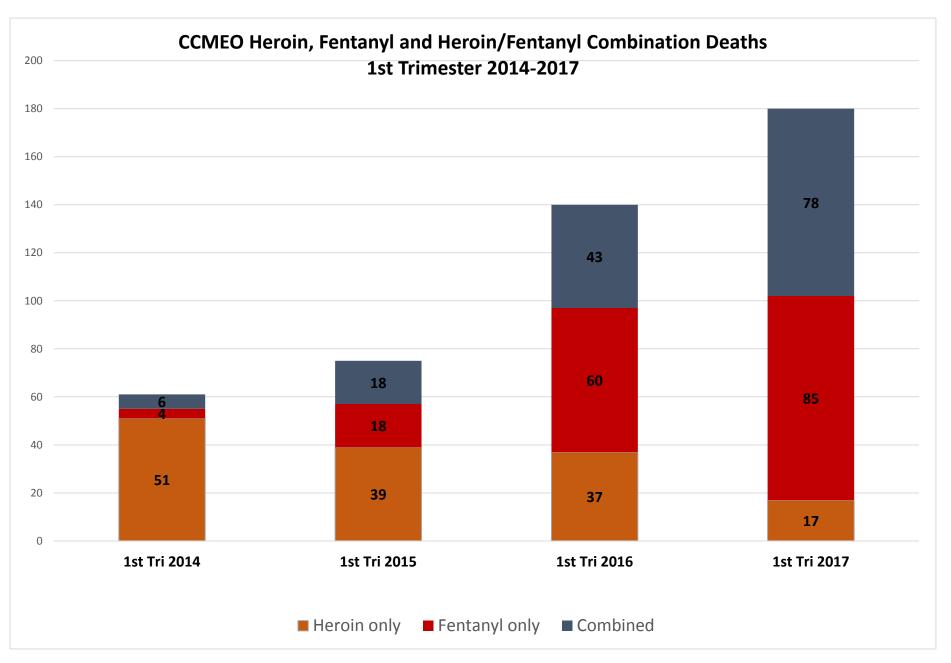
## **Carfentanil: 54 CONFIRMED FATAL CASES TO DATE in 2016**

Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 20.5% of all victims, nearly double the rate in 2016 (13%). At least 33 cocaine related deaths occurred in April (at least 139 for 2017), with 13 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both (at least 84 for the year).



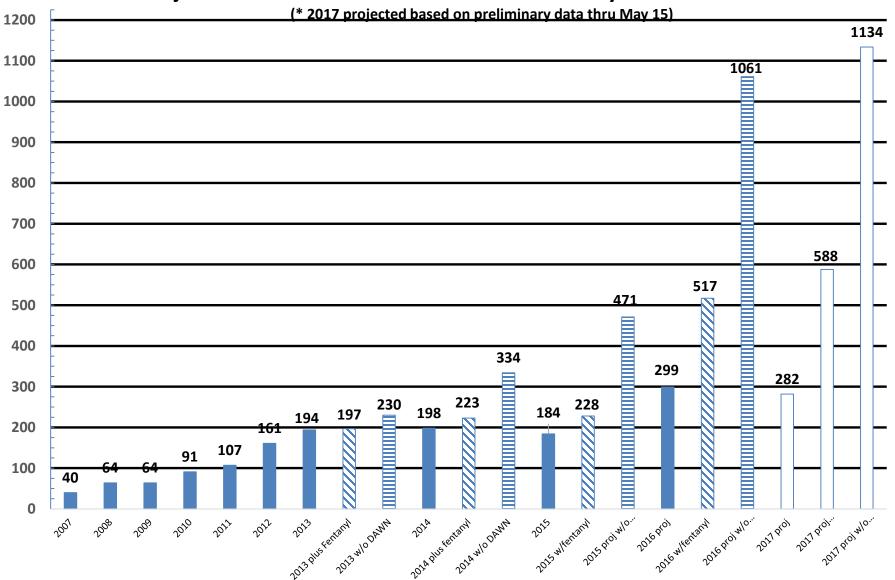








# Cuyahoga County Heroin Related Overdose Deaths 2007-2017\* Projected deaths with DAWN Saves and Fentanyl as overdose Deaths



Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office revised 5-15-17

DAWN includes all documented naloxone saves through DAWN including police reversals. Does not include EMS administration (nearly 1,000 in 2015, and over 2,000 thru October 2016).



